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Document Description:

The vision for this plan is 'Working together to protect, enhance and raise awareness of biodiversity in Dundee for the benefit of all'; Dundee City Council (DCC) is bound by the following legislation: • Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 Section 1 (1) states: "It is the duty of every public body and office-holder, in exercising any functions, to further the conservation of biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions." • Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act (WANE) 2011, Part 5 Section 36 states: (1) "A public body must prepare and publish a biodiversity report within 3 years of the base date; (2) A biodiversity report is a report on the actions taken by the body in pursuance of its duty under section 1 during the period to which the report relates. (3) The base date is – (a) the date on which section 36 of the WANE (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 6) comes into force, or (b) where the body is established after that date, the date on which the body is established." In July 2019 The Scottish Government and Dundee City Council declared a 'Climate Emergency'. Climate change and biodiversity are interconnected. Biodiversity is negatively affected by climate change but the ecosystem services it supports make an important contribution to climate change mitigation and adaptation. As such, this plan will be a key document in the delivery of the city-wide 'Climate Action Plan'. This plan is split into 4 main sections: 1. Introduction- This includes the vision and Objectives of the plan and explains the approach we have taken in its production. 2. Individual Ecosystem Statements- We have identified the main ecosystems present within the city and have prepared a statement for each describing the current status and extent, the benefits it provides through ecosystem services, historic and known threats and identified key species, habitats and locations. 3. Key Topics which affect all Ecosystems- A number of key topics relating to all ecosystems became apparent on the production of this plan. An outline statement for each is provided. 4. The Action Plan- This section covers all the actions required to meet the plan's objectives for each ecosystem and key topic. It clearly shows the intended outcome of each action, how this will be monitored and a timescale for completion. This part of the document is intended to be dynamic and will be updated at regular intervals as actions are completed and new ones added.

Intended Outcome:

This plan will focus action on the ecosystems, habitats and species most in need and ensure prioritisation of resources at a local level. It will set out clear objectives and targets to enable us to measure any achievements. The plan will build on current Dundee City Council plans and strategies and aims to inform any future plans. Through this Dundee City Council will meet its legal biodiversity duty.

How will the proposal be monitored?:

The action plan part of the document sets out clear ways to monitor progress of each action. Under the legislation above, DCC is required to report on their actions to conserve biodiversity every three years. The next report is due in 2020 and this plan will enable us to measure our progress in all future reports in a uniform manner.

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A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:

Age:	No Impact
Disability:	No Impact
Gender Reassignment:	No Impact
Marriage and Civil Partnership:	No Impact
Pregnancy and Maternity:	No Impact
Race/Ethnicity:	No Impact
Religion or Belief:	No Impact
Sex:	No Impact
Sexual Orientation:	No Impact

Equality and diversity Implications:

Our biodiversity is available and open for everyone. The learning and engagement elements will be freely available and not targeted at any particular group

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

Not required.

Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? : No

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B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:

Geography

Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):	No Impact
Lochee(Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):	No Impact
Coldside(Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):	No Impact
Maryfield(Stobswell and City Centre):	No Impact
North East(Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):	No Impact
East End(Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):	No Impact
The Ferry:	No Impact
West End:	No Impact

Household Group

Lone Parent Families:	No Impact
Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:	No Impact
Pensioners - Single/Couple:	No Impact
Single female households with children:	No Impact
Unskilled workers or unemployed:	No Impact
Serious and enduring mental health problems:	No Impact
Homeless:	No Impact
Drug and/or alcohol problems:	No Impact
Offenders and Ex-offenders:	No Impact
Looked after children and care leavers:	No Impact
Carers:	No Impact

Significant Impact

Employment:	No Impact
Education and Skills:	Positive
Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:	No Impact
Childcare:	No Impact
Affordability and Accessibility of services:	No Impact

Fairness and Poverty Implications:

This biodiversity plan covers the whole city and does not focus on one area in particular. We have biodiverse sites within easy walking distance from every house in the city. The plan shows that biodiversity is for everyone and that everyone can contribute to the actions. Learning opportunities will be provided as part of communication and awareness raising and will be freely available.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

Not required.

C. Environmental Impacts

Climate Change

Mitigating greenhouse gases:	Positive
Adapting to the effects of climate change:	Positive

Resource Use

Energy efficiency and consumption:	Positive
Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:	Positive
Sustainable Procurement:	No Impact

Transport

Accessible transport provision:	No Impact
Sustainable modes of transport:	No Impact

Natural Environment

Air, land and water quality:	Positive
Biodiversity:	Positive
Open and green spaces:	Positive

Built Environment

Built Heritage:	No Impact
Housing:	No Impact

Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment

Screening has determined that the proposal is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. The reason(s) for this determination are set out in the Screening Report, a copy of which will be available to view here: <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/cplanning/sea/>

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

Not required

Screening Summary:

Dundee's Local Biodiversity Action Plan will provide a co-ordinated framework for delivering biodiversity actions set out in the 2020 Challenge for Scotland's Biodiversity. It identifies a range of objectives and actions for biodiversity within this small, urban local authority across the public, private and voluntary sectors. Combining local projects and actions for the city increases the potential for shared access to funding, knowledge and experience. It will also allow for a full assessment of biodiversity actions and better reporting to the Scottish Government for inclusion in progress towards the Aichi targets. Due to the relatively small, urban area this plan covers and the type of actions identified, any effects will be positive and insignificant in the wider national context.

D. Corporate Risk Impacts

Corporate Risk Implications:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are 'business as normal' risks. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without

significant loss. There is comfort that the risks inherent within the activity are either transferred to another party, shared equally and fairly between the Council and another party or are negligible.

Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions: